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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: AMCITS APPLYING FOR
PHILIPPINE STUDENT VISAS

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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL EMBASSY AND AMCONSUL CEBU HAVE EXERTED EVERY EFFORT TO DETERMINE REASONS FOR DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS ECCOUNTERED BY AMCITS IN SECURING VISAS TO STUDY AT SOUTH-WESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL.
2. AMCONSUL CEBU AND EMBASSY HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY DR. TRINIDAD, SECRETARY, BOARD OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, THAT ALL AMCIT DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND APPROVED DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO CEBU.
3. BOARD OF MEDICAL EDUCATION REPORTS THAT NO CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY YET MAILED TO SOME AMCIT APPLICANTS BECAUSE COMPLETED FORMAL APPLICATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED.
4. SOUTHWESTERN CHAIRMAN OF BOARD EXPECTED ARRIVE MANILA TODAY TO TAKE UP WITH TRINIDAD PROBLEM OF EXPEDITING CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY.

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5. PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) IS COORDI-

NATING CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STATES IT WILL EXPDITE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR VISA ISSUANCE TO PHILIPPINE CONSULATES FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHOSE DOCUMENTATION MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR PHILIPPINE VISAS AND BEEN CLEARED FOR ENTRY BY THE COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION AND DEPORTATION.

6. PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION LAW PROHIBITS ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FROM TOURIST TO STUDENT. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE MADE. SOUTHWESTERN STATES JUNE 4 IS DEADLINE FOR ENROLLMENT BUT 2-3 WEEK DELAY BEYOND THAT DATE POSSIBLE. DFA SUGGESTS THAT AMCITS NOT YET IN POSSESSION OF STUDENT VISA AT TIME THEY MUST TRAVEL SHOULD BUY TICKET US TO HONG KONG THROUGH MANILA. THEY SHOULD DEPLANE MANILA, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF 21 DAY NO VISA REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE NEEDED PAPER WORK HERE, PROCEED TO HONG KONG WHERE VISAS MAY BE ISSUED UPON ARRIVAL THERE. EMBASSY STANDS READY TO ASSIST DURING MANILA STOPOVER.
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